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Iowa Anti-Drug Officials to Hold "Speak Out For Kids" Listening Post in Waterloo

(DES MOINES) – Iowa Governor's Office of Drug Control Policy Director Steve Lukan and Partnership @ DrugFreeIowa.org President Peter Komendowski will join with Pathways Behavioral Services & Cedar Valley's Promise Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and other local officials to hold a "Speak Out For Kids" Listening Post next Tuesday, October 2nd, 2012, in Waterloo.

"We invite citizens in the Cedar Valley area to participate in the listening post, because we want to hear directly what's on the minds of local citizens when it comes to illegal drug activity impacting area youth," said Lukan. "We want to hear about drug-related concerns in the community, as well as examples of what's working to keep youth safe and drug free."

Information gathered at the Waterloo listening post will assist in defining priorities for the next state Drug Control Strategy and refining drug control initiatives.

"Input from local citizens will help the Partnership @ DrugFreeIowa.org provide more targeted drug education programs and messages that better meet local needs," said Komendowski. "It's important for us to know about new or emerging challenges in this community, as well as other ongoing needs and success stories."

The following Waterloo "Speak Out For Kids" Listening Post is open to the public:

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Time: 4:30pm

Place: Waterloo Center for the Arts, 225 Commercial Street, Waterloo, Iowa 50701 Community Partner/Host: Pathways Behavioral Services & Cedar Valley's Promise Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition

Anyone wanting to submit comments in writing may do so by sending them to: susie.sher@iowa.gov. The Waterloo meeting is the third in a series of "Speak Out For Kids" Listening Posts that will be held across the State over the next few months.